

(Hi Jeffrey. Always in the news & always fresh. Best, Frank)

"Little American Ways"--a Dialog

Smoked Merits at USC...
I think they were.
And when your testimony
has merit...?

Well, anyway, thanks for this generic
one. It's good.
Anything else you want?...
to trade for.

USC football scores? When I'm to be
released from this stupidity? Sweets?

The scores for a bit of intelligence.
I get a tiny jigsaw piece,
my superior permits my lessening
things a shake.

Loved Tastycakes when I did
graduate work at Penn. Butter-
scotch Krimpets!

We don't have Penn on your
record. Thanks.

Welcome. But another instance of
ineptitude--with respect.

Anyway, less attitude, more information,
will drop you in that same Rome flat.
Even your home country if you wish.

I don't know. I'm getting used to this
orange suit.

Uh huh. Well, I'll have to pass
the baton soon. Understood?

To the Bad Cop, yes? I guess
he'll probe creatively with it.

Tell me, is your Arabic as good?

Soaring! Your little American
ways might coax its music
from a nightmare, I suppose.
Better grab a translator.

Our best awaits.

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